

REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 5, 2004, independent Claims 765 and 827 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,040,556 to Dahle. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended independent Claim 765 to recite that means are provided for releasably holding first and second members in a first position; said first and second members, when in said first position, forming a grip for handling at least one additional tool in its working position. Also in response to this rejection, Applicant has amended independent Claim 827 to recite that means are provided for releasably holding an actuator in a storing position and that the body with the actuator in the storing position forms a grip for handling at least one additional tool in its working position. Because these features are not shown in Dahle, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections based on Dahle have been overcome by these amendments.

Also in the Office Action, Claims 797 and 799 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for antecedent basis issues. In response to these rejections, Applicant has amended Claim 797 to recite “a latch” instead of “said latch” and has amended Claim 799 to recite “a first activation mechanism” instead of “the first activation mechanism.”

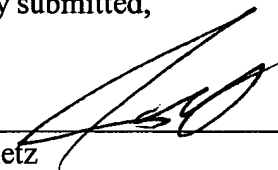
Applicant has also amended Claim 526 to clarify the claim. Claim 765 has also been amended to clarify the claim by replacing “form” with “open.” These amendments are being made merely to clarify the claim and are not being made in response to prior art.

Finally, Applicant notes that the Office Action summary indicated that Claims 364 and 365 were pending. However, these claims were previously cancelled. The appropriate correction is hereby requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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